

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 540 - SB 427

February 24, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that public community colleges are not required to have a certain number of students enrolled for a directional highway sign to be erected for the college.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$976,100/FY21-22/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-5-708(1), all state community colleges may be signed on the highway system if the colleges are within 19 miles of an interchange on the highway system. Each institution meeting this criterion shall be signed at only one interchange and shall be signed at the closest location, except where more than two destinations are required to be signed at the same interchange.
- According to Department of Transportation rule 1680-03-02-.08, to be considered for such signing, an institution must be identified on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission website and the institution must have a minimum enrollment of 1,000 full-time and part-time students.
- There are currently 44 unsigned campuses that would be impacted by this legislation.
- The typical cost for a full set of highway signs, which includes two mainline signs, two ramp signs, and one trailblazer sign is \$22,184 for creation and erection.
- The total increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund is estimated to be \$976,096 (\$22,184 x 44) in FY21-22.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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